

# Meeting Minutes

## Clean Energy Future Committee

### December 21, 2018

8:00 – 9:00 a.m.

Arlington Town Hall Annex, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room

*These minutes were approved at the January 25, 2019 meeting*

Members Present: Adam Chapdelaine, Ken Pruitt, Emily Sullivan, Ryan Katofsky, Shelly Dein, Jim DiTullio, Coralie Cooper.

Members Absent: Dan Amstutz, Dave Levy, Marc Breslow.

Additional Individuals Present: Gary Goldsmith, Nellie Aikenhead, Damon Bosetti, Jim Johnson, Shira Lion, Lenny Paritsky, John Winslow, Luca Morreale.

The meeting convened at **8:00** a.m.

#### Introductions

Chapdelaine welcomed everyone and thanked them for their interest in the CEFC. Everyone introduced themselves.

#### Review Committee Mission

The following text excerpted from a July 13, 2018 memo from Town Manager Adam Chapdelaine to the Arlington Select Board proposing the establishment of a Clean Energy Future Committee was reviewed:

*The mission of the Clean Energy Future Committee is to guide the Town of Arlington to a future where, by 2050, net emissions of carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gas emissions attributable to all sources in Town are zero. The Committee shall identify short and long-term energy goals; facilitate research studies, projects and collaborations; enlist the support of residents and businesses; recommend changes to laws and regulations; seek state and local funding; and take any other actions necessary for Arlington to achieve net zero carbon emissions by 2050.*

There was some discussion about whether climate resiliency will be part of our work. It was noted that the Town's Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness (MVP) stakeholder effort should continue, but we did not determine whether that effort should be incorporated into the work of the CEFC or kept separate.

Katofsky indicated he thought the CEFC should include GHG emissions from waste in its mandate. There was general agreement within the Committee.

There was some discussion about the purpose of committee: just planning, or also implementation? Chapdelaine said he thought the Committee would focus on planning during its first couple of years, until a net zero plan was completed. Once the plan was approved, probably by Town Meeting, the Committee would transition into one focused on implementing the net zero plan.

Pruitt noted it may be helpful to establish interim goals in the net zero plan. Katofsky thought the interim goals could be set 5 years apart.

#### EEA Net Zero Planning Grant for Arlington, Melrose & Natick

Pruitt summarized the details of this grant, which will include creation of a greenhouse gas inventory and net zero by 2050 plan for the Town of Arlington. Work is expected to begin in February, coordinated by the Metropolitan Area Planning Council.

Dein recommended the Committee consider public outreach, especially to Town Meeting members, ahead of a Town Meeting vote to endorse the plan.

Chapdelaine said that for the next meeting, we should make available an overview of existing bylaws, rules and regulations that impact GHG emissions.

#### Preferred Meeting Frequency, Location & Timing

The next meeting will be Friday, January 18, then the 4<sup>th</sup> Friday thereafter, all from 8-9 a.m. (Note: after the meeting ended it was determined that January 18 would not work, so the next meeting was actually scheduled for January 25).

#### Other Business?

Boston U. Ph.D. student Luca Morreale and BU Professor Lucy Hutyra will prepare an urban forestry presentation for our January meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 9:02 a.m.